

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

Case No. EP-7551

a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if multiple names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 35, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as required in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the international or PCT international filing date of this application.

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WHEREFORE, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me or us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

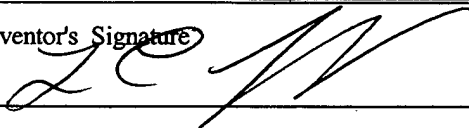
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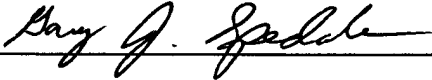
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